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### **Indoor Lighting Design**

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• Video: What is lighting design? (4:13)



- https://youtu.be/hqT4alUaHfQ
- Award winning Architectural Lighting Designer, Annette Hladio, discusses her views on lighting design
- She has an education in architectural engineering
- Galleries of lighting design portfolio by Annette Hladio:
  - <u>http://www.archltg.com/</u>



- Lighting design can have many different objectives
  - Determined by the client & the designer
  - The most common objective is to allow the users of a space to carry out their work quickly & accurately, without discomfort
- Design <u>constraints</u>
  - Such as financial & environmental concerns
  - Architectural integration, installation & maintenance issues









(Source: The SLL Lighting Handbook)



- A holistic strategy for lighting should consider:
  - Legal requirements & installation costs
  - Visual function
  - Visual amenity
  - Architectural integration
  - Energy efficiency & sustainability
  - Maintenance & flexibility
  - Appearance of the spaces & luminaires
  - Photopic or mesopic vision
  - Light trespass & sky glow (light pollution)



- Defining the lighting design project:
  - Lighting for a new space or retrofitting?
  - Need to correct existing lighting problems?
  - Change in the use of the space?
  - Desire to save energy and stretch the budget
- Opening assessment:
  - Meet with owner, occupants, architect, etc.
  - Identify legal constraints
  - Identify uses of space
  - Identify physical challenges, opportunities

- Examples of indoor lighting design:
  - Emergency lighting
  - Office lighting
  - Industrial lighting
  - Lighting for educational purposes
  - Lighting for museums & art galleries
  - Lighting for hospitals
  - Lighting for homes & hotels
  - Retail lighting









### • Basic design decisions

- Use of daylight (what role would daylight plays)
  - To provide a view out
  - To provide enough light to work by
  - To save energy
  - To provide lighting for particular tasks requiring very good colour rendering
  - To enhance the appearance of the space by providing meaningful variation in the lighting
- Choice of electric lighting system
  - Such as general, localised & local lighting systems



- Basic design decisions (cont'd)
  - Integration
    - Within the space, architecture, interior design
    - With other services (e.g. fire, HVAC)
    - With daylight
    - With the surroundings









### • General lighting practice:

- Two objectives good visual performance without discomfort
- Two systems of measurement photometry & colorimetry
- Five criteria Illuminance, luminance, uniformity, correlated colour temperature (CCT), colour rendering index (CRI), unified glare rating (UGR)
- One location the horizontal working plane
- Lighting design is all about people
  - Activity, experience, well-being



### • "Lighting designer"

- Determine how things will look & feel in a space
- Understand & interpret the clients intent
- Devise a suitable lighting concept & translate it into a plan (*creative* vision)
- "Illuminating/Lighting engineer"
  - Usually works from someone elses' conceptual plan
  - Provides the "how to" or solves the problems....optical, visual or mechanical....of making the concept work

(\* See also <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architectural\_lighting\_design">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architectural\_lighting\_design</a>)



- Three main functions of lighting:
  - Ensure the <u>safety</u> of people
  - Facilitate the performance of visual tasks
  - Aid the creation of an appropriate <u>visual</u> <u>environment</u> (appearance & character)









- Vital principles of a good lighting proposal:
  - Light reinforces the idea, the vision or soul of a space
  - The proposed light is compatible with the function of the building & meets expectations regarding the use of its interior spaces
  - The proposed system must be technically & economically optimised and thus with a reasonable budget
- The lighting proposal is determined by light characteristics, colours, heights & scenes



- Lighting of interior as a whole is affected by:
  - General brightness
  - Patterns of light, shade, colour
  - Degree of glare



- Modelling of people, objects & features
- Illuminance needed for the task depends on:
  - Visual difficulty & complexity of the task
  - Average standard of eyesight
  - Level of visual performance required



- Lighting design criteria
  - Luminous environment & luminance distribution
  - Illuminance & uniformity
  - Lighting directional effects
  - Colour aspects, variability of light
  - Glare, flicker & stroboscopic effects
  - Lighting of work stations with display screen equipment (DSE)
  - Maintenance factor
  - Energy efficiency requirements

#### Lighting distribution on the wall and the perception



(Source: Handbook of Lighting Design (ERCO Edition) https://download.erco.com/en/media/handbook)



- Visual perception: how we see and perceive
  - <u>https://www.erco.com/en/designing-with-light/lighting-knowledge/visual-perception/</u>
- Lighting interior spaces
  - Using light to divide rooms & accentuate architectural elements
  - 1. Forming functional zones
  - 2. Defining spatial borders
  - 3. Emphasising architectural features



- Effect of lighting
  - On architecture (defines space & shows form)
  - On interior design (reveals texture & colour)
- Psychological effects of an environment are as important as the physiological

Light

- Good quality light to "<u>see by</u>" & to "<u>feel by</u>"
- Three main aspects to consider:
  - General lighting
  - Localised lighting
  - Local (task) lighting



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#### **General lighting**



#### **Localised lighting**



#### Local (task) lighting





- Methods for creating the total (visual) environment:
  - 1. Ambient lighting
  - 2. Accent lighting
  - 3. Task lighting
  - 4. Perimeter lighting







### • Ambient lighting

- Provides general, overall illumination
- Defines the space, and makes it a comfortable visual environment
- Two approaches:
  - Direct lighting (brightens objects & surfaces)
  - Indirect lighting (can give the feeling of spaciousness)
- Accent lighting
  - Focuses on selected objects & surfaces, providing drama & excitement
    - Such as key light, fill light & silhouetting, sparkle & glitter



### • Task lighting

- Illuminates areas where work is performed, such as concentrated light from above
- Perimeter lighting
  - By lighting vertical surfaces to emphasize the architecture of the space & provide the necessary surround brightness
  - Two common approaches:
    - <u>Wall Washing</u>: appropriate for smooth surfaces; provide a uniform wash of light from floor to ceiling
    - <u>Grazing</u>: for non-uniform surfaces; emphasize the features of rough surfaces, e.g. wood-grain finishes, stone, brick & other textured surfaces

#### Volume (Ambient+Perimeter), Feature (Accent) and Task Lighting



(Source: St Matthews Church Light Design Concept, by Hoare Lea Lighting)

#### Major aspects & issues of lighting design

	Light for Architecture		Light for Activity		Light for Atmosphere
•	Illuminate vertical surfaces to improve spatial perception Separate functional areas	•	Adjust the brightness level to the visual task & adjacent areas Avoid glare Consider the time of	•	Provide spatial orientation by highlighting entrances, routes & vertical surfaces
•	Emphasise architectural elements with accent lighting Observe materials,	•	day & natural light Facilitate facial recognition & support person-to-person	•	Create temporal orientation to give a sense of time Create perceptual
•	texture & modelling Mounting location & method, luminaire shape & arrangement Visual comfort & light	•	communication Consider the room functions & zoning	•	hierarchies by emphasising important areas with focal points Allow individual adjustment
	pollution			•	Consider visual comfort (glare & colour)

\* Animation to demonstrate how the different aspects can change our perception of space & the atmosphere: <u>https://www.erco.com/en/service/human-centric-lighting-7320/</u>)

- Planning process for lighting
  - Project analysis (quantitative & qualitative)
    - Utilisation of space
    - Psychological requirements
    - Architecture & ambience
  - Lighting concept (consult with other trades)
  - Design (design decisions, calculations)
  - Installation (luminaire types & mounting)
  - Maintenance (e.g. cleaning, replacement)

(Source: ERCO Lighting Guide https://issuu.com/lumenarts/docs/erco\_guide/37)



#### Lighting design & planning





### • Types of lighting (indoor)

- General lighting
- Accentuation
- Washlighting
- Wallwashing
- Projection
- Orientation lighting





### • Video: Lighting Design Process (4:12)



- https://youtu.be/hpyq6uktBwM
- Typical building design process (7 steps):
  - Programming
  - Schematic design
  - Design development
  - Construction documents
  - Bidding (tendering)
  - Construction & handover
  - Post-occupancy evaluation (POE)



- Basic approach to lighting design
  - Determine lighting design criteria
    - Quantity of illumination (lighting level, lux)
    - Quality of illumination (e.g. overall appearance, colour)
    - Codes and regulations (e.g. building, electrical, energy)
  - Record architectural conditions & constraints, e.g.
    - Window location & size, ceiling height, finish materials
  - Determine visual functions & tasks to be served
  - Select lighting system to be used



- Basic approach to lighting design (cont'd)
  - Select luminaire & lamp types
    - To produce the desired light & fit the client's needs
  - Determine number & location of luminaires
    - Through calculations & assessment
  - Place switching & other control devices
    - User convenience & energy management
  - Aesthetic & other intangibles
    - Aesthetic, psychological, cultural & contextual factors



the design process

### • The process of designing with light focuses on:

• What to light

- How to light it
- What to light it with





- Questions to ask at the planning stage:
  - What activities will the space be used for?
  - What tasks are to be accomplished in the space?
  - What are the object(s) you most want to see?
  - Which architectural features are to be emphasized?
  - Where is the seating area?
  - What is the desired mood (ambience)? Does it need to be varied?
  - What style must the lighting coordinate with?



- What to light
  - Setting priorities
    - Give the space a <u>focus</u>
    - Consider the space as a <u>whole</u>
  - Analyse the space
- How best to light it
  - Using ambient, accent & task lighting
- How much light
  - Depends on these factors: age, speed, accuracy & the reflectance of the task
  - Also consider architectural & energy/environment




- Where to place the light
  - To avoid glare & veiling reflections
  - To emphasize or minimise surface texture
- What to light with
  - The lamp, the luminaire & the controls
  - Choosing the lamp
    - Light distribution
    - Electric energy consumed
    - Colour rendering & colour appearance
    - Maintenance costs







- Obtaining the desired distribution
  - Depends on the lamp & luminaire, and purpose
  - The required light distribution may range from broad & widely diffused to narrow & focused
- Choosing the luminaire
  - Intended light distribution, function or purpose
  - Appearance or style
  - Mounting: recessed, surface, pendant, wall
  - Type of building construction: new, existing, insulated
  - Product quality: detailing, finish, durability
  - Operating cost: energy, relamping, cleaning
  - Initial cost

#### Types of lighting fixtures for retail stores



(Source: https://zenmerchandiser.com/visual/types-of-lighting-fixtures-for-retail-stores/)

Different mounting methods for fully direct, fully indirect & a combination of direct-indirect general lighting systems Direct lighting



(Source: van Bommel W., 2019. Interior Lighting: Fundamentals, Technology and Application, Springer International Publishing, Cham.)

- Choose the lighting controls when you want to:
  - Change the lighting scene to suit the activity
  - Set a mood
  - Create an atmosphere
  - Extend incandescent lamp life
  - Control the lights from several locations
  - Save energy by turning off the lights automatically when no one is present



the design process



#### • Typical lighting control strategies:

- User controlled lighting
- Scheduling
- Daylight harvesting
- Task tuning
- Adaptive compensation
- Lumen maintenance
- Occupancy sensing







- Lighting control equipment:
  - Switches
  - Occupancy sensing
  - Scheduling (timeclocks)
  - Daylight dimming
  - Tuning
  - Preset dimming
  - Building management

Remember: switch off unnecessary lights!









- Factors affecting visual performance:
  - Inadequate illuminance
  - Too great or too low a contrast
  - Disability & discomfort glare
  - Veiling reflection
  - Flicker from fluorescent lamps



• Psychological factor (occupant's satisfaction with the environment)

Lighting quality aspects & parameters for indoor lighting installations

Visual aspects	Non-visual biological aspects
Lighting level	Lighting level
• On the tasks	• On the eye
• On the room surfaces	Time dependent
	Melanopic irradiance
Lighting uniformity & direction	Spectrum
• Face recognition & modelling	Time dependent
(e.g. cylindrical illuminance)	Chromaticity
Glare restriction	Timing
• Unified glare rating (UGR)	Circadian stimulus
Colour appearance & rendering	Duration
Correlated colour temperature	
Colour rendering index	

(Source: van Bommel W., 2019. Interior Lighting: Fundamentals, Technology and Application, Springer International Publishing, Cham.)



- Important to consider:
  - <u>Situation</u> is it a working, viewing, circulation or a living space?
  - <u>Function</u> what will people do in the space?
  - <u>Quantity and Quality of Light</u> what's needed to perform the tasks?
  - <u>Architecture and Décor</u> consider the aesthetic of the space
  - <u>"Atmosphere"</u> what is the mood or ambience of the space?



- Lighting & behaviour
  - Lighting is used to modify behaviour
  - To attract attention
    - Such as using spotlights, flashing lights or accent lights
      - Display lighting: attract attention w/o causing discomfort
  - To direct movement or traffic
    - Such as in museums or shopping centres
  - To facilitate communication
    - Such as to facilitate speech intelligibility (can see the face of the speaker or do lip-reading)



#### • Light as a material

- What we see is made visible by reflected light
- Properties of light source & surface materials
- Brightness, appearance, ambience, colour scheme
- Light as a medium for visual communication
  - Perception of environment, atmosphere of a space
  - Client's & users' expectations
  - The light responds, enhances & emphasizes (architecture & light interact)



- Lighting quality & criteria
  - Lighting level (illuminance or luminance)
    - Horizontal, wall & ceiling
  - Luminance distribution
    - Better distribution of brightness within the field of view
  - Freedom from disturbing glare
  - Spatial distribution of light
    - General lighting, directional lighting, backlighting & uplighting, diffuse lighting
  - Light colour & colour rendering
    - Colour temperature & colour rendering index

#### Recommended room reflectances ( $\rho$ ) & luminance distribution



(Source: http://trilux.com)



- Typical lighting design issues
  - Planes of brightness (high brightness creates cheerful atmosphere)
  - Glitter & sparkle (stimulating points)
  - Light & shadow (create focal points)
  - Modelling (reveal dimensionality)









- Directional effects (form, dimension & texture)
  - Direction & distribution of light within a space
    - Influence perception of the space
    - Relates partly to desirable illumination levels & partly to architectural style & visual emphasis
    - Good light design an appreciation of the nature & qualities of the surfaces
  - <u>Modelling</u> ability of light to reveal solid form
    - Fail to do that will result as bland & monotonous
  - <u>Emphasis</u> e.g. surface texture & characteristics

Perception of three dimensional forms & surface structures under different lighting conditions



(Source: Handbook of Lighting Design (ERCO Edition) https://download.erco.com/en/media/handbook)

#### Examples of directional effects in lighting design











- Techniques to achieve specific lighting effects
  - Downlighting (w/ downlights & recessed troffers)
  - Wall washing/grazing (uniform, shadow/texture)
  - Cove lighting (illuminating perimeter coves)
  - Uplighting (table candlelight & highlighting)
  - Silhouetting (backlighting an object)
  - Sparkle/glitter (tiny points of glare for visual interest & produce a sense of elegance)

#### Different lighting effects in a private office





(Source: https://www.lightnowblog.com/2016/03/introduction-to-lighting-design/)



- Choice of appropriate colour of light source
  - Determined by the function of the room
  - Involve psychological aspects & practical factors
- Appearance of coloured surfaces
  - Controlled by spectral power of source
  - Power balance & presence or absence of certain wavelengths affect colour rendering

Blue light could be the best light for concentration, whereas lower & warmer light is the better option for promoting social interaction (group work)



- Glare <mark>眩目光</mark>
  - Occurs when objects, seen directly or by reflection, are too bright c.f. the general background
  - <u>Disability glare</u> impairs ability to see detail w/o necessarily causing visual discomfort
    - Shift in adaptation level
  - <u>Discomfort glare</u> causes visual discomfort w/o necessarily impairing vision
    - Depends on occupant's activity, angle of view, size & brightness of source, average luminance of background



(Video: What is glare? (2:13) <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwHXut8lw4M</u>)





Disability glare from bright sky in front of a VDT makes the screen difficult to read





Discomfort glare from bright luminaires





- Reduce glare from artificial light sources (1/2)
  - Limit the luminance of sources in eye's direction
    - Replace a bright source with few weak sources
    - Restrict light distribution to  $\downarrow$  sideways light to the eye
  - Screen the sources from view
    - Introduce downstand screens
    - Use screening within the fitting (e.g. louvres)
    - Enclose source in light diffusing panel/fitting
    - Conceal fittings from view (e.g. by beams)
    - Shielding against glare (e.g. shielding angle)





- Reduce glare from artificial light sources (2/2)
  - Re-position the work station to avoid glare
  - Raise background luminance
    - Use fittings with more upward flux (brighten ceiling)
    - Specify higher reflectance floor
    - Use light-coloured finishes





- Reflected glare & veiling reflection
  - Bright patches on glossy surfaces from reflection
    - *Reflected glare* produce visual discomfort
    - *Veiling reflection* reduce contrast & visibility
  - May be minimised by:

- Ensure no part of the task is at or near the mirror angle with respect to the eye & bright source
- Increase light falling sideways onto the visual task
- Use luminaires w/ large surface area & low luminance
- Use paper, machines, materials etc. with matt surfaces



[Source: SLL Code for Lighting 2012 & The Lighting Handbook (Zumtobel)]

Example of how to apply glare limitation to an illuminance level of 500 lux. From the geometry of the space the viewing angle for the first luminaire is 55°, for the second luminaire 70°. The corresponding luminances can be read off luminance curve 1 in the diagram.



Arranging linear luminaires parallel to the viewing direction & windows limits disturbing glare from the windows & restricts the area of the working plane where disturbing reflections from luminaires may occur



(Source: van Bommel W., 2019. Interior Lighting: Fundamentals, Technology and Application, Springer International Publishing, Cham.)

#### Room & luminaire layout for glare index calculation



Elevation angles for wall mounted luminaires in hospitals



(Source: SLL, 2019. Lighting for Healthcare Premises, Lighting Guide 2, Society of Light and Lighting (SLL), London.)

#### Whiteboard luminaires in classrooms need to be carefully positioned

Whiteboard luminaire must be installed within the shaded area to avoid reflections – in the board to the nearest viewer



### **Further Reading**



- Design examples Indoor https://www.erco.com/en/designing-with-light/lightingknowledge/design-examples-indoor/
- Interior Lighting Design http://ibse.hk/IBTM5680/Interior\_Lighting\_Design.pdf
- Illustration videos:
  - Lighting Applications: Office (3:16) <u>https://youtu.be/ZUYNothLj9c</u>
  - Lighting Applications: Fashion (1:59) <u>https://youtu.be/wrMcggqw1FE</u>